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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Tropical Storm Bonnie Serves as an Important Reminder**

**Columbia, SC** – Today is the official start of the 2016 Hurricane Season and Tropical Storm Bonnie serves as an important reminder that weather is not always predictable. While we have very sophisticated models that provide important information and help forecasters warn us of impending storms, it's imperative that all South Carolinians prepare for the storm season.

To help residents prepare, the South Carolina Department of Insurance is hosting the annual coastal property information session and hearing regarding the status of the coastal property insurance market tomorrow, Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. The session and hearing will be held in the Bluffton Municipal Building Auditorium located at 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC.

“We encourage lowcountry residents to attend this important session and learn more about the coastal property insurance market and what they can do to protect their families and property and prevent losses due to these severe weather events,” said Ray Farmer, Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance. This meeting provides residents an opportunity to meet with staff and experts to learn more about the coastal property insurance market, ways to save money on their insurance costs and get answers to their insurance questions.

**WHAT: South Carolina Department of Insurance Coastal Property Insurance Marketplace Annual Information Session and Public Hearing**

**WHEN: Thursday, June 2, 2016  
6:00 P.M. -7:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: Bluffton Municipal Building Auditorium  
20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC 29910**

Additionally, on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., residents can meet with vendors, insurance agents, company representatives, community organizations, state and local emergency preparedness organizations as well as product manufacturers at the Storm READY Expo sponsored by The Home Depot, The South Carolina Department of Insurance and iHeart Media.

Representatives will be available to discuss ways homeowners can strengthen and protect their homes against possible storm events and lower their insurance costs. The event will take place at the Home Depot located at 20 Gateway Village Rd., Bluffton, SC 29910. There will be product demonstrations, children's activities and give-aways available for the attendees.

**WHAT: Storm Ready Expo**

**WHEN: Saturday, June 4, 2016  
10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: The Home Depot Bluffton  
20 Gateway Village Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910**

All events are free and open to the public. For more information about the events please contact Ann Roberson by calling 803-737-6207 or via e-mail, [aroberson@doi.sc.gov](mailto:aroberson@doi.sc.gov).

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